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SUMMARY: TORROJOS, AS HEAD OF PANAMANIAN GOVERNMENT, TOOK CHAIR AT OPENING SESSION OF SC AND DELIVERED HARSHLY WORDED ATTACK ON UNITED STATES CANAL POLICY SEEKING TO IDENTIFY PANAMANIAN STRUGGLE WITH THOSE FIGHTING COLONIALISM THROUGHOUT WORLD. HE SPECIFICALLY SUPPORTED PERU, CHILE, AND CUBA, IN THEIR PROBLEMS WITH US. END SUMMARY.

1. SC PRESIDENT AQUILINO BOYD OPENED INAUGURAL SESSION PROMPTLY AT 10:30 AM, ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AND PROCEEDED AT ONE TO INTRODUCE BRIG. GEN. OMAR TORRIJOS "LEADER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF PANAMA."

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2. TORRIJOS, DRESSED IN CIVILIAN CLOTHES, WELCOMED THE DELEGATION WITH " THE FRANKNESS WHICH IS A FEATURE OF PANAMA" WITH THE HOPE THAT THE MEETING WOULD PLACE PANAMA " ON THE WORLD MAP OF DIGNITY". HE SAID THE MEETING HERE WOULD GIVE THE DELEGATES AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THEIR SHIPS PASS THROUGH 50 MILES OF " NOT SO PEACEFUL HOSTORY" AND TO " SEE THE SCOURGES THAT THREATEN TO DESTROY PEACEFUL CO- EXISTENCE". TORROJOS ADDED THAT THE PANAMANIAN PEOPLE UNDERSTAND THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM COLONIALISM AND PROCEEDED TO CITE VARIOUS EXAMPLES OF IT AND THEN SAID PANAMA HAS LIVED THROUGH ALL OF THEM . HE ADDED THAT PANAMA CANNOT ACCEPT THE " SUBJUGATION AND PENETRATION OF NEO- COLOLIALISM AS REPRESENTED BY CONTINUED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE NOT FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE RECIPIENT BUT FOR THE CONTROL OF ITS PEOPLE. TORRIJOS SAID THE HILLS OF PANAMA ARE FILLED WITH THE BODIES OF PANAMANIAN WHO FOUGHT FOR THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE NOT TO ACCEPT THIS SYSTEM. PANAMANIAN SEEK, HE SAID, THE RIGHT TO EXPLOIT THEIR OWN NATURAL RESOURCES AND FREELY TO COMMUNICATE WITH THOSE PEOPLE IT CHOOSES. HE CITED AS OTHER EXAMPLES OF RESTRICTIONS ON A NATIONS EXPLOITATION OF ITS NATURAL RESOURCES THE CASES OF CHILEAN COPPER AND PERUVIAN OIL. HE SAID THE AWAKENING OF LATIN AMERICA MUST BE ASSISTED AND THAT ANYONE WHO STANDS IN ITS WAY CREATES HOSTILLERY TO ITS UPHEAVALS.

3. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF CUBA, THE GENERAL ARGUED THAT BLOCKADES AND PRESSURES ARE MORE SHAMEFUL FOR THOSE WHO CONSTRUCT THEM THAN FOR THOSE WHO SUFFER FROM THEM. HE URGED THAT THE UN TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN A SOLUTION OF TRUE PROBLEMS SAYING THAT THE ISOLATION OF CUBA SPELLS SHAME.

4. PANAMA CANOT ACCEPT THE PRINCIPAL OF " VITAL INTERESTS AND NATIONAL SECURITY" AS A PRINCIPLE OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. HE ASKED WHY A NATION NOT COLONIALIST MAINTAINS A COLONY IN PANAMA. TORRIJOS CONCUDED BY ASKING THE WORLD FOR MORAL HELP AND SAID THAT " OUR PEOPLE ARE REACHING THE LIMITS OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THEIR PATIENCE". HE ASKED THE DELEGATES TO CONSIDER

THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS: IS IT CORRECT NOT TO  
RESPECT A FLAG OF A NATION WHICH HAS NOT BEEN  
AGGRESSIVE? IS IT  
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